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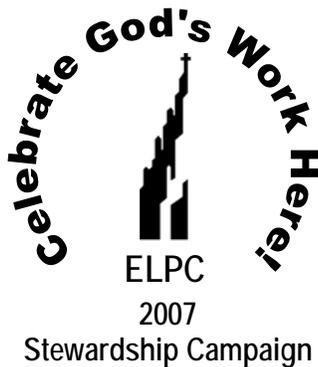
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2007 Stewardship Theme: Celebrate God's Work Here!

Great things are happening at East Liberty Presbyterian Church! We have entered a new chapter in our church leadership with Rev. Randy Bush and are witnessing a greater connection with the seminary, other congregations, and the community at large.



- ◆ Our Christian Education program is growing in its outreach to families with young children and Christian learners of all ages.
- ◆ Our Mission efforts continue to reach out to those in need both in our neighborhoods and overseas.
- ◆ Our six different worship services are vital and effective resources for spiritual growth and Christian witness.
- ◆ Our diversity and hospitality continue to be a positive and distinctive part of our ministry.

In reflecting on these things, the Stewardship Committee has chosen "Celebrate God's Work Here" as our theme for the upcoming 2007 Stewardship campaign. During the month of October, a series of dessert parties will be held so all congregation members can find out more about being active parts of this exciting ministry. Then on Nov 12, we will dedicate our pledges for the ongoing mission and program work of our church. Please prayerfully support this Stewardship initiative and do your part to strengthen the good work God is doing at ELPC!



Dixieland Jazz at 11 am Service on Sunday, Oct 22

On Sunday, Oct 22, our 11 am Sanctuary worship service will echo with the sounds of Dixieland jazz. Guest musicians for that service will be Dixie Doc (Dr. Richard Paul) & the Dixieland All-Stars. Dr. Paul is a retired pediatrician and talented cornet player, whose "all-stars" ensemble features trombone, clarinet, piano, bass, and drums. Dr. Paul's group regularly plays at the Penn Brewery. They will be performing various pieces associated with New Orleans funeral processions, as the theology of Dixieland jazz will be explored during that Sunday's worship.

Consider inviting a friend or two to this special service!

Blessing of the Animals

In celebration of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi (patron saint of animals), on **Saturday, Sept 30** at **1 pm** in the Courtyard (Narthex in the event of rain), bring beloved pets (on a leash or caged) or a photograph, or simply a remembrance for a brief service of thanksgiving and recognition of the animals with whom we share our life experience.



Sunday Morning Services

**Holy Communion is celebrated.*

- 8 am Good Samaritan Worship**
- * Oct 1 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
 - Oct 8 The Rev. Denise Welch, Pastor for Community Outreach, Shadyside PC.
 - Oct 15 Andrew Weber, student PTS.
 - Oct 22 Heather Tunney, ELPC Director of Youth & Young Adults.
 - Oct 29 Lydia Ham, student PTS.
- 9 am Morning Glory Worship**
- * Oct 1 The Rev. Dr. Richard Szeremany.
 - Oct 8 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
 - Oct 15 The Rev. Miriam Chamberlain.
 - Oct 22 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
 - Oct 29 Robert Frankenberry.
- 11 am Sanctuary Worship**
- * Oct 1 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
 - Oct 8 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
 - Oct 15 The Rev. Dr. William Carl III, President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
 - Oct 22 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.
 - Oct 29 The Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.

Koinonia Service of Praise

2nd Sunday of each month.

- Oct 8 ELPC youth & young adults.... 7 pm

Holy Ground Service of Wholeness and Healing

bimonthly, March–November.

- Nov 26 Fr. William Kiel..... 6 pm

Labyrinth Prayer Walk

- Mondays 10 am to 3 pm
- Wednesdays 10 am to 9 pm

Taizé Prayer

- Wednesdays 7 pm
- The Rev. Christiane Dutton.



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Reaching Out Newsletter

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Pastoral Message

The Rev. Dr. Randall K. Bush, Pastor

On the Sundays between Rally Day (Sept 10) and the beginning of October, we did a spiritual check-up together, specifically talking about how ELPC understands Christian education, prophetic action, and stewardship of resources. In the sermons, I spoke about three central ideas: How we become what we know, with God's grace supplying all we lack (education); how time is "full" of potential, because God is Lord of all our days (*kairos*); and how the heart of faithful stewardship is being intentional about how we choose to allocate our resources and time (giving).

Overall we are a healthy congregation, because I think we do all three of these things very well. During the month of October, we will continue to focus on stewardship as we gather together in various settings to "celebrate God's work at ELPC." All this should prepare us well for Stewardship Sunday on Nov 12 and for supporting the many vibrant ministries happening right now.

The wise Jewish scholar Maimonides offered some interesting insights into the practice of charity and stewardship. He broke down the act of giving into eight categories, beginning with the least meritorious.

- ◆ Giving begrudgingly.
- ◆ Giving less than you should, but giving it cheerfully.
- ◆ Giving after being asked.
- ◆ Giving before being asked.
- ◆ Giving when you do not know the recipient's identity, but the recipient knows your identity
- ◆ Giving when you know the recipient's identity, but the recipient does not know your identity.
- ◆ Giving when neither party knows the other's identity.
- ◆ Giving so that the recipient becomes self-reliant.

As an interesting exercise in Christian charity and a way to be more intentional in our stewardship, I suggest we each try to follow Maimonides' wisdom. Try to give according to each of the eight categories some time in the next month. Some will be easier done than others. But doing this spiritual discipline will make us more aware of which types of giving characterize our current deeds of stewardship. Let me know what you learn from this exercise, as we continue to celebrate the diverse, vibrant ministries of our congregation.

Randy Bush



Your Input Is Needed on Recommendations for ELPC Board Nominations

The Nominating Committee will be looking for your input on persons that you would like to recommend for consideration for officers deacons and elders.

If you haven't already submitted the names of those you would like to recom-

mend, you may pick up a suggestion form in the church office. The deadline to submit your form is Sunday, Oct 8. A drop-off box is located on the front counter in the church office for your convenience.



ELPC Awarded First Place in PC (USA) Multicultural Church Story Contest

In Spring of 2006, ELPC along with other multicultural churches and presbyteries across the country were invited to participate in a Multicultural Church Story Contest sponsored by the office of Evangelism and Racial/Cultural Diversity of the National Ministries Division of the General Assembly Council, Presbyterian Church (USA).

Each story entry was evaluated on a series of merits, and points we given for clarity and authenticity of the story and the spiritual energy that the telling of the story generated. Final decisions were made at the end of August and awardees were contacted in mid-September.

In a letter congratulating ELPC on being one of the five first-place winners and commending the church for the wonderful ministry it provides to the community and the world, it was stated, "You are pioneering a unique ministry, that model the church intended to be as multiracial, multi-

lingual, multinational and multicultural community of faith." With this distinguished recognition comes a \$500 first-place prize awarded to ELPC.

Thanks to the following team of ELPC elders/committee members and staff who helped research, prepare and write the story application which included our church's historical information, statistical data, individual stories, and photo: Jim Russ (Co-Chair Communications), Michele Bossers (Co-Chair, Justice & Global Concerns), Justin Johnson (Justice & Global Concerns), Liz Hopkins (Co-Chair Membership & Growth), and Geri Toth (Communications Director).

ELPC's story along with the stories of the other awardees will be published in the near future by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as a way of inspiring others and in educating the church.



Membership & Growth "Connections Dinners" – A Great Way to Get to Know Others from ELPC

ELPC is a congregation of 96 zip codes! We truly come from North and South and East and West. So for many of us to get to know each other well is really a challenge. The Membership & Growth Committee is committed to strengthening the ties that bind us to ELPC and its people. One way to do this is to break bread together—literally—at Connections Dinners.

Connections Dinners (CD) are a way to meet and get to know others from ELPC in a series of dinner gatherings over the year. When you sign on, you will be assigned to a group that is expecting to meet several times (4–6) between October and May. Different members of the group volunteer to host each gathering. Most groups meet in a host's home, but some have met in restaurants or at ELPC. Most dinners are done potluck style. Each group arranges its own dates, hosts, and frequency of meetings (roughly once a month or every six weeks). Guests to the group are welcome and may be spontaneously incorporated—but the goal is to help CD participants know a few people much better—so, maintaining a core group is important. In June, there will be a wrap-up picnic for all the participants to meet together.

Groups will be formed in September and early October, with a first dinner in October. If this sounds like fun, we'd love to have you join. To sign up or for questions, call Paul Outon at 412-322-1803 or paulouton@yahoo.com or Sue Schneider at 412-242-6751 or sues1514@hotmail.com. Here's to a year of good company, good conversation and good food!



Oktoberfest

Christian Education invites you to join us on **Saturday, Oct 28** from **5:30 to 7:30 pm** in the Social Hall for Oktoberfest! All members and friends of ELPC are invited to share a meal, fellowship with friends of all ages, and enjoy activities. Spaghetti, hot dogs, cookies, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or covered dish to share.

Activities include pumpkin decorating, bobbing for apples, crafts, cosmic bowling, and cookie decorating. Reservations required for dinner and pumpkin decorating.

Please call Kelly Stanfill at 412-441-3800 x19 or complete a reservation form (available at the Security Desk) and return it to the CE office by Oct 23.



Art Exhibit and a 40-day Prayer Vigil Honoring Children

On **Sunday, Oct 1**, ELPC will host an art exhibit in the Art Gallery on the Ground Floor. The exhibit honors children worldwide including those in our partner church in Malawi, Central Africa.

In addition to viewing the exhibit, your presence is also invited for a time of quiet prayer inside the Gallery. Ideas will be available to help guide your prayers. Fellowship Time following the 11 am service that day will be held on the Ground Floor outside the Art Gallery. Please plan to join us for fellowship, art and quiet prayer.

On Sept 10, members of ELPC were invited to participate in the "Light a Candle for Children: 40-day Prayer Vigil" sponsored by the National Council of Christian Churches' Committee on Justice for Children and Their Families. Participants were asked to light a candle daily while silently reflecting on the gifts and the needs of children and to offer a brief prayer on behalf of them.

For more information, contact Judy Menk, ELPC's Women and Children's Taskforce facilitator at 412-798-8569 or JAMenk@aol.com.





Christian Education

The Rev. Cynthia Jackson, Interim Director

At East Liberty Presbyterian Church we celebrate our diversity and unity as we interact within community. We believe in life-long learning and spiritual growth. Christian Education is the life-long process of learning and living in relationship to God, our neighbors, and ourselves. Through the study of scripture and the practice of prayer, we begin to understand our life experiences as they relate to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In living our faith, we encounter ways to offer hope to a broken and hurting world. In the process, we are transformed to a new community. Come and join us! Your questions, insights, doubts, and concerns are welcome.

Church School

Sunday mornings, 9:45 to 10:45 am

Classes for all ages are offered. All classes are in wheelchair accessible locations. There are also wheelchair accessible restrooms. For more information, contact Interim Director of Christian Education the Rev. Cynthia Jackson at 412-441-3800 x20 or cynthiaj@coh.net.

FOR CHILDREN

Rally Day was the beginning of a new school year at ELPC. This year we have a variety of classes for children of all ages. Our hope is that each child will develop an intimate, personal relationship with God through formative experiences. By combining stories from the Bible with spiritual practices, the children grow in their capacity to understand God's place in their lives and in the world. Our faith is alive as we share within the community of our classes. Caring teachers are fundamental to the joy on Sunday mornings.

For more information about Sunday morning Church School classes, please contact the Rev. Cynthia Jackson, Interim Director of Christian Education at 412-441-3800 or cynthiaj@coh.net or you can obtain information at the "Welcome Table" on the second floor.

- Young Children's Ministry: Infants to 2 year olds First Floor – Nursery Suite
- Pre-school: Ages 3, 4, and 5 (not in kindergarten) Second Floor – Room 240
- Kindergarten and Grade 1 Third Floor – Room 336
- Grades 2 and 3 Third Floor – Room 338
- Grades 4 and 5 Third Floor – Room 335

Joyful Noise Children's Choir Resumes Practice



On **Sunday, Oct 1**, the Joyful Noise Children's Choir will have their first practice in the Sanctuary from **9:15 to 9:45 am**. Robyn Peterson, director of the choir, invites all children ages K through Grade 5 to come and learn simple songs to be shared in worship. The choir will also rehearse on Sundays, Oct 15 and 29. **Note:** It is the responsibility of the parents to get their children after choir rehearsal.

Robyn's focus is not a ministry of perfection, but rather a ministry of JOY. Please contact Robyn at 412-875-6382 or robyn.peterson@hotmail.com or the Rev. Cynthia Jackson at 412-441-3800 with any questions.

YOUTH CLASSES

For Church School classes offered for youth in grades 6 through 12, see page 8 for details.

ADULTS CLASSES

Adult classes offer opportunities to study the Bible, explore your faith, reflect upon parenting, or be inspired by the faith journeys of others. Complete information about each class is available at the "Welcome Table" on the second floor or can be received by contacting Kelly Stanfill at 412-441-3800 or kellys@coh.net.

Parenting Circle

First Floor, Harambe Room

This class provides the opportunity for anyone involved in parenting—singles, couples, adoptive parents, grandparents, guardians, mentors, etc.—to discuss those questions that arise when caring for children. By sharing experiences, resources, prayer and scripture, we will learn and grow together, exploring how faith impacts family life.

Journey with Scripture Class

(formerly Lectionary Bible Study)

Second Floor Library

There are countless ways to reflect upon scripture and listen to God speaking to us. Each week class members read selected Bible readings (based on the revised common lectionary) and then reflect upon them. Printed copies are available weekly for study and meditation.

- Oct 1 Esther 7:1–6, 9–10, 9:20–22; Psalm 124; James 5:13–20; Mark 9:38–50.
- Oct 8 Job 1:1, 2:1–10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1–4, 2:5–12; Mark 10:2–16
- Oct 15 Job 23:1–9, 16–17; Psalm 22:1–15; Hebrews 4:12–16; Mark 10:17–31.
- Oct 22 Job 38:1–7 (34–41); Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c; Hebrews 5:1–10, 2:5–12; Mark 10:35–45.
- Oct 29 Job 42:1–6, 10–17; Psalm 34:1–8 (19–22); Hebrews 7:23–28; Mark 10:46–52.

Christian Education—ADULT CLASSES, continued from page 4.

Contemporaries Class— Second Floor Parlor

The Contemporaries Class is an intergenerational community of caring adults united in their focus upon Bible reading and meditation. By teaching and applying the principles found in scripture, one discovers wisdom and the path of discipleship. Individuals at all stages of faith are welcome to come and be part of the adventure!

- Oct 1 "You Change or Die." Led by Jean Kennedy.
- Oct 8 "God's Health Care Plan." Led by Jean Kennedy.
- Oct 15, 22 "In the Beginning. . ." Led by Mary Alice Lightle.
- Oct 29, Nov 1 "Relationships and Experiences. . .Literature and Lessons That Continue to Shape My Spiritual Journey." Led by Rodney Teague.

Seekers Class — Second Floor, Room 234

This class explores issues of faith and spiritual growth through a variety of lenses such as focused Bible readings, books by current authors' presentations of theology and study of religious art.

- Oct 1 "Protestant Journey into Russian Orthodoxy." Explores how different faiths respond to the Divine. Led by John Burgess, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.
- Oct 8, 15, 22 *Divinity and Diversity: A Christian Approach to Religious Pluralism.* A discussion of Marjorie Suchoki's book. Facilitated by the Young Adult Class. Suchoki's book can be purchased at ELPC for \$13.
- Oct 29 "Does God or the Holy Continue to Offer Revelation to Us Today? How? Through Whom?" Led by the Rev. Dr. Randy Bush.



Taizé Prayer

The Rev. Christiane Dutton, Minister of Taizé Prayer

After-Taizé Classes

Wednesdays at 8:15 pm, following the 7 pm Taizé Prayer service. McKelvy Room.

- Oct 4, 11 "Living in the Presence" Sharing of Mystical Experiences.** Brother James Avant and Chuck Carson will incorporate Art and Music in their own surprising ways.
- Oct 18** No after Taizé class.
- Oct 25 Celebrations.** Join us in the Narthex after our Taizé service for celebration cake. If you celebrate a birthday, a milestone or an anniversary in October, please write your name on a piece of paper and put it in the offering plate during the month.

Bread & Soup Meal and Fellowship

All are invited to join us in the McKelvy Room for a bread and soup meal and fellowship (\$2.50 donation)—**Oct 25 from 5:45 to 6:45 pm.** Our Bread & Soup Meal is offered the last Wednesday of each month. Following our meal together, for those of you who wish to, plan to stay for our weekly 7 pm Taizé Prayer service in the Chapel.



Koinonia Fellowship and Potluck Supper

All are welcome to our Koinonia Fellowship and potluck supper in the Second Floor Parlor on **Sunday, Oct 8** at 6 pm. A main course will be provided, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. RSVP by Wednesday, Oct 4 to Heather Tunney at 412-441-3800 x14.

For those of you who wish to, plan to stay for the 7 pm Koinonia Service of Praise in the third floor Music Room. Koinonia Fellowship and Service are held the second Sunday of each month.



News from the Deacons

- ◆ We would like to provide transportation for those members who cannot access public transportation to church. If you know of someone needing transportation OR you would like to volunteer to drive someone to church on Sunday, please call Jon Nelson 412-363-8099.
- ◆ This year the Deacons will be collecting items for the Men's Shelter throughout the year. Please consider picking up small items from the list below, and placing them in the Deacons' box located near the Security Desk at the Highland entrance. Items needed for Men's Shelter include:

- flip flops (various sizes)
- deodorant
- disposable razors
- toothbrushes
- toothpaste
- knit hat/scarves
- men's gloves
- sweat socks
- combs / picks

- ◆ Our cupboards are full and we DO NOT need any more flower vases or greeting cards at this time.
- ◆ If you would be interested in being part of the visitation team who visit members recovering from surgery, illness, or confined to home, please call Carol Untch, 724-272-9722.



Spiritual Life Ministry

Dr. Lois M. Lang, Associate in Ministry for Spiritual Life

“Discovering God’s Vision for Your Life: You and Your Spiritual Gifts”

A 5-week Sunday morning class from 9:45 to 10:45 am—**Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29**. Each class session combines lecture, discussion, interactive activities and practical application. We will study the purpose, source, and definition of spiritual gifts, identify our personal gifts through various means, explore what the Bible says about each gift and distinguish between gifts of the Spirit and fruits of the Spirit. **Note:** If there is enough interest, the same series will be offered on a weekday evening. Please contact Lois Lang, 412-441-3800 x41 for further information or to register for the course.

“Centering Prayer” — Come to an OPEN HOUSE and Learn More About It

Centering Prayer is a form of quiet and contemplative prayer, deeply rooted in Christian tradition. Those who practice it often find it to be deeply transformative. To learn more about this style of prayer, we invite you, as well as your friends, to an Open House in the Second Floor Library on **Tuesday, Oct 3, from 7 to 8:30 pm**. New participants are always welcome at Centering Prayer, but on this Tuesday, the focus will be to introduce this prayer to those who would like to know more about it.

Spiritual Life’s Fall Lineup of Small Groups, Workshops and Classes

The following small groups, workshops and classes (included in the Sept 17 Spiritual Life Sampler in the Social Hall) are those scheduled to start in October. If you were unable to attend the Sampler and are interested in participating in any of the following, please contact Spiritual Life Director, Lois Lang at 412-441-3800 x41:

Discovering God’s Vision for Your Life

Sundays, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
9:45 to 10:45 am
Facilitator: Lois Lang

How Do We Breath Under Water? The Gospel and 12-step Spirituality

Sundays, Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
12:30 to 2 pm
Facilitator: Suzanne Bailey

My Own Spiritual Workshop

Sundays, Oct 1, 8, 15
5 to 8 pm
Facilitator: Dan Siemasko

What Do Presbyterians Believe About the Future?

Fridays, Oct 13, 20, 27, Nov 3
Noon to 1 pm
Facilitator: Rev. Randy Bush

Meditations: Visual and Audio Expressions

Mondays, Oct 23, 30, Nov 6, 13
7 to 9 pm
Facilitator: Suzanne Bennett

Handmade Crafts for Christmas

Sundays, 12:30 to 2:30 pm
Christmas Cards Sunday, Oct 29
Journals, Books Sunday, Nov 5
Beaded Earrings Sunday, Nov 12

Facilitator: Sue Schneider

Centering Prayer

Tuesdays, 7 to 8:30 pm
Facilitator: Joe Hajdu

ELPC Intercessory Prayer

Wednesdays, 2 pm
Facilitator: Mary Alice Lightle

Men’s Wooden Toy Making Group

Alternating Wednesdays, 10 am to Noon
Facilitator: Ed Frick

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius

Once a week, day/time to be determined.
Facilitator: Lois Lang

The Happy Wanderers (older adult social group)

Once a month on different days.
Facilitator: Lois Lang

Stand Up and Be Counted — Voters’ Registration Applications at ELPC

One of the greatest privileges we have as Americans is the right to vote for our elected officials and those who will represent our interests at all levels of government. The ELPC Mission Ministries will make Voters’ Registration Applications and Absentee Ballot Applications available daily by contacting the Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy at 412-441-3800 x30, and on Sunday, Oct 8 during Fellowship Time following worship. **Note:** Applications must be postmarked by Oct 10 in order to vote in the Nov 7 election.



Volunteer Drivers Needed for EECM’s Meals-on-Wheels

East End Cooperative Ministries has brand new GPS units for their Meals-on-Wheels drivers. Even if you are unfamiliar with the neighborhood routes, they have the solution. You cannot get lost. If interested, call Phyllis at 412-361-5549 x410 to see how important you are to this ministry by lending a hand.



SAVE WALK: Strides Against Violence — Saturday, Oct 14

You are invited to join others in a walk to help raise funds to shelter and support victims of violence. Our walk will begin at 9 am from Flagstaff Hill in Schenley Park on Saturday, Oct 14. Proceeds benefit organizations including: The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, and Women’s Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh.

Registration. Following the 9 am Morning Glory and 11 am Sanctuary Worship services on **Oct 1 and 8**, or after Taizé services on **Oct 4 and 11**, you may register to walk or sponsor others to walk. Look for the table with the yellow SAVE WALK flyers. For details, email Christiane Dutton at christianed@coh.net.





Justice & Global Concerns

The Rev. Patrice L. Fowler-Searcy
Director of Mission Ministries

2006 Peacemaking Offering and World Communion Sunday



We are not alone! That is one of the messages of World Communion Sunday, which ELPC will celebrate with Christians around the world on **Oct 1**. The good news as we take the cup and bread of Communion is that we are in union with Christ, and through Christ we are in union with our brothers and sisters everywhere. One way we can celebrate our unity through Christ with other Christians is by being peacemakers—following the leadership of the Prince of Peace. That is the reason

Presbyterians have been receiving the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday for 25 years.

This year's Offering theme, "Swords into Plowshares: Living the Ways of Peace," is taken from the great vision of peace found in both Isaiah and Micah, when the peoples of the world stream to the mountain of the Lord and learn how to live in peace. They learn to change swords and spears—instruments of war—into plowshares and pruning hooks—implements used for the peaceful work of producing food for the world's peoples.

Twenty-five percent of the Offering ELPC collects will stay with us for peacemaking activities in our community. Another 25 percent goes the Presbytery and/or Synod, and 50 percent goes to the General Assembly for peacemaking involvement throughout the world.

Let us be faithful in our work for God's peace in our community and in the world, and open ourselves to God's great work of peace by giving generously to the Peacemaking Offering on Sunday, Oct 1. The continuous peacemaking work of the Presbyterian Church is communicated through email. For a free subscription email to: mkoenig@ctr.pcusa.org.

Environmental Task Force

Environmental Taskforce Meeting. Everyone is welcome! **Sunday, Oct 22** following 11 am worship (12:15 pm) in Room 224. Please bring your ideas and enthusiasm and, if desired, a sandwich or snack. The taskforce is a subgroup of the Justice & Global Concerns Committee with a focus on environmental justice issues and projects. For more information, contact Becky Maiman at 412-242-7179.

Full Inclusion Task Force

Solidarity Sunday – Oct 8

Solidarity is a nationwide faith-based anti-violence initiative in opposition to all violence against any group, but particularly those in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community. ELPC, under the auspices of the Full Inclusion Task Force, will celebrate "Solidarity Sunday" to coincide with National Coming Out Day on Oct 11. The ushers for the 11 am Sanctuary Worship service and for all of October will be members of the Full Inclusion Task Force.

"Journey of the Heart" Video and Potluck Dinner – Saturday, Oct 21

All are invited to a potluck dinner at 5:30 pm and the showing of the video "Journey of the Heart" (Room 234), which focuses on racism and homophobia as obstacles on a spiritual journey. Facing fears of difference enables us to be transformed and gives us freedom. We hope that everyone will find the time to join us for dinner and discussion, increasing the dialogue among us around fear, violence, and the need for common ground. Please bring a dish to share. Beverages and tableware will be provided.

Poverty Taskforce

just neighbors



"Just Neighbors" – An Educational / Interactive Workshop. Join us as we examine the roots of poverty and our response to the needs of our neighbors. Our 9-session (once a month) educational and interactive workshop—*Just Neighbors*—begins **Saturday, Oct 14 at 5:30 pm** in the Room 234, when we will gather for fellowship, faith exploration, and a pot luck supper followed by our workshop. Members of ELPC will lead the workshops on topics such as: Housing Matters, Children and Their Future, Justice for All or What Would You Choose. For more information or to help with the program, please call Nancy Speed at 412-826-9243.

Women and Children's Taskforce

Art Exhibit for the World's Children. See page 3 for details.

Field Learning Project. The Field Learning Project will begin their second year of providing field trips to recently arrived Somalia Bantu and Burmese children. Monthly Saturday visits to cultural institutions throughout Pittsburgh will begin in November. These trips are designed to help the participating children build relationships with people in their diverse communities, and increase their educational and cultural knowledge. **Chaperones are needed** for each monthly trip. If you would like to volunteer (Saturdays from 9 am to approximately 2 pm), or would like more information, contact Junghwa Oh, 412-401-5745 or field-learning@hotmail.com or Judy Menk, 412-798-8569 or JAMenk@comcast.net.

The Field Learning Project is a collaboration of The Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Global Information Network in Education (University of Pittsburgh), Duquesne University, Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council Family Learning Center, Big Brothers Big Sisters Organization, Asian American Heritage Committee (Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board), Pittsburgh Asian American Young Profession Association, Korean Community.





Youth & Young Adult Ministries

Heather Tunney, Director, Youth & Young Adult Ministries
412-441-3800 x14

For information on, or to participate in, any of the following Youth and Young Adult activities, contact Heather Tunney at 412-441-3800 x14.

Koinonia Fellowship and Potluck Supper

See page 5 for details.

YOUTH (grades 6–12)

Sunday Church School, 9:45 to 10:45 am

"Seasons of the Spirit" curriculum is used which follows the revised common lectionary readings for each week. Grades 6, 7, 8 in Room 341; grades 9, 10, 11, 12 in Room 343.

ELPC Sunday Youth Group

Sundays, 12:30 to 3 pm. Open to all youth in grades 6-12. We will meet for lunch, Bible Study and fellowship in Room 51 (on the ground floor across from the Game Room).

Youth Basketball for Young Men Grades 9–12

Saturdays, 5 to 8 pm. Youth Basketball for young men in grades 9–12 is held in the ELPC Gym. To participate, contact Heather.

Harvest Day at Camp Crestfield – Sunday, Oct 1

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to attend Camp Crestfield's Harvest Day on Sunday, Oct 1. We will meet for a lunch after 11 am worship and then will leave ELPC by 1 pm for Camp Crestfield for a day of games, activities, and worship. We and return by 7:30 pm. Bring money for snacks and a light dinner. RSVP and a permission slip required. Contact Heather.

Confirmation and Commissioning Class

Confirmation Class



Confirmation class is a time to deepen one's relationship with and understanding of God, and to explore the meaning of church membership. Confirmation will be held on Pentecost Sunday, May 27, but class will occur throughout the year. This year, ELPC will be offering a Confirmation and Commissioning class to youth who are in 9th grade or older and are interested in becoming full members of ELPC through an affirmation of faith (for those already baptized) or through baptism (for those not baptized as children).

Class Schedule. The majority of our study time together will focus on three retreats. Our first retreat—"Investigating the Mystery: The Trinity"—will be held at ELPC beginning Saturday, Oct 28 at 1 pm through Sunday morning, Oct 29. We will explore questions such as:

What does it mean to worship one God, with three distinct persons?

What do we know about God the Creator, Jesus Christ the Savior, and the Holy Spirit?

What do we learn from our Triune God about how to interact with one another?

How can we deepen our relationship with our God?

Note: The first day of our retreat occurs on the same day as ELPC's Oktoberfest, so we will join in those festivities from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the Social Hall.

In addition to retreats, there will be approximately four evening meetings this spring, leading up to the Confirmation service itself. For more information on Confirmation Class and the full-year's class schedule, please contact Heather.

YOUNG ADULTS (in their 20s and 30s)

Sunday Church, 9:45 to 10:45 am

See Christian Education for adult Church School classes, pages 4 and 5.

Young Adult Book Group – Fall Book Study

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to participate in a book study that will take place **every other Monday starting Oct 23**. We will meet from **7 to 9 pm** in the Pastor's Conference Room. Our book title will be announced in early October. If you would like to receive more information about ELPC young adult ministries, or be on the mailing list for 20/30s events, please contact Heather.



Personal Essay Writing Workshop for High School Students

**Monday, Oct 2
10 am to 3 pm**

High school students who are on their toes will want to take advantage of this interactive personal essay writing workshop designed to help you identify and communicate what makes you special. By starting now to create a handful of essays, it will be a breeze to tweak and customize them later for college applications. Younger high school students will find that having an arsenal of essays comes in handy when it's time to apply for special programs, internships and awards.

During the morning session you will have an opportunity to take a personality test that will help you to better understand who you are. How do you make decisions? Do you focus on details or the big picture? Do you think before you speak or

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does talking help you organize your thoughts? Knowing and understanding your self is a key to success and can help you in choosing a career, managing relationships, and working in groups. We will discuss how you can apply this knowledge of your psychological type to your personal growth.

The afternoon session will get you started on identifying topics for your essays. We will focus on learning how to write essays with a narrative sequence that

leaves readers wanting to know what happens next and keeps them interested in your story. . .and you. We will read actual college essays (both good and bad) and compile a list of dos and don'ts. By the end of the day you should leave with a list of topics and the beginnings of a great little personal essay.

An RSVP and signed permission slip are required for this event. Please call Kelly at 412-441-3800 x19.



Worship Music & The Arts

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany, Director

Note: If interested in any of the following or for questions, call Dr. Szeremany, 412-441-3800 x24.

New Worship Committee Group Forming: The Chancel Guild

Under the aegis of the Worship, Music and Arts Committee, The Chancel Guild will take on the responsibilities of caring for the vessels and preparing the elements used in our two Sacraments: **Holy Communion and Baptism**. This is to be a group of young men and women and youth who would like to be part of one of the several teams that prepare the Communion monthly and the Baptismal vessels when required.

The Chancel Choir Is in Need of Several VOLUNTEER Singers

The Chancel Choir is need of several **volunteer** singers in both the tenor and baritone sections. There are more than a few men in the congregation who are both members and friends of ELPC who have voices to fill these vacancies. In fact, one does not need to be either a member or friend of ELPC to sing in our choir. If you or someone you know has a love of music, likes to sing, and is willing to rehearse, here is a wonderful opportunity to **volunteer** to become one of our happy ensemble members. Sopranos and altos are also welcome to **volunteer**. The Chancel Choir rehearses on Thursdays at 7 pm.

New and Ongoing Opportunities to Validate God's Gifts to You!

- ◆ **ELPC Instrumental Ensemble.** We are presently looking for additional players who have some experience playing string, brass woodwind and percussion instruments.
- ◆ **ELPC & Friends Guitar Ensemble.** Opportunities to play as a group as well as to be included as accompaniment for anthems and praise music in our worship services.
- ◆ **Handbell Ringers.** There is still a place for you to exercise your upper body muscles and to exercise your talent along with a dozen other musical folks. We rehearse on Thursdays at 6 pm on the third floor. Call and check this out!
- ◆ **Choir Chime Choir**—*An alternative to handbell ringing.* Choir chimes are lighter in weight than handbells and the music, while just as lovely, is less complicated. From time to time the handbell music calls for a secondary part with Choir Chimes. We are looking for 6–8 adults who are available mid-morning or early afternoon on either Tuesday or Fridays.

Wanted: Actors, Dancers and Production Helpers for Special ELPC Christmas Event

On Sunday, Dec 17 at 2:30 pm in the Sanctuary, the Chancel Choir assisted by soloists and a cast of 30 consisting of angels, shepherds, Wise Men and their entourages, as well as Pilgrims of Today, will present a public performance of Robert Elmore's Pageant for Christmastide, "The Incarnate Word." Last presented at ELPC in December 1994, it was a beautiful and memorable reminder of the power of the Word made Flesh among Us.

Casting and initial rehearsals will begin the first week in October, as well as planning of the stage setting and costuming. We are looking right now for people (not necessarily ELPC people) to help with the following:

- ◆ stage lighting
- ◆ costumes and makeup
- ◆ building of stage set
- ◆ 30 *non-speaking* characters
- ◆ general director of the drama portion
- ◆ rehearsal assistants
- ◆ interpretive dancers.

If interested, call Dr. Szeremany at 412-441-3800 x24.



Tutoring Program at ELPC for 4–18 Year Olds

East End Cooperative Ministry's "ExtraOrdinary Tutoring" program is open Mon–Wed from 3:30 to 7:30 pm here at ELPC. The program serves over 200 students a week. Each student works one-on-one with a tutor once a week for 1 hour. Tutoring is available to help with homework, reading/math skills or more specialized subjects if needed.

if you have a young person in your household who could benefit from tutoring, please call and leave a message at 412-361-0450, or contact program coordinator Brad Yoder at tutoring@bradyoder.com.

Volunteer Tutors Needed. If you're interested in being a volunteer tutor and would like more information, see contact information above.





Presbyterian Women

Heather Lawrence, Moderator

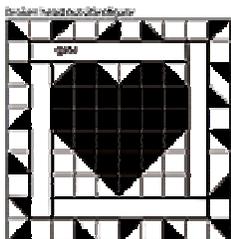
Celebration of the Ordination of Women Event

Everyone invited—*men and women*—to Pittsburgh Presbytery's special event honoring 100 years of ordination of women as deacons, 75 years as elders, and 50 years as ministers of Word and Sacrament. Join us on **Sunday, Nov 12** at Bethany Presbyterian Church in Bridgeville in this Celebration of the Ordination of Women—*Fames of Grace and Glory*. The Rev. Dr. Dale Lindsay Morgan from Santa Barbara, California will present a biblical dramatization of Women from the Bible. A worship celebration will be held at 4 pm followed by a celebration dinner (\$15 for dinner). This celebration is designed to be an experience of affirmation and encouragement for the women of Pittsburgh Presbytery and we invite you to come and celebrate wit us.

For more information or to register, please contact Penny Young at the Presbytery Office, 412-323-1400 x320 or pyoung@pghpresbytery.org. RSVP by Friday, Oct 20.

2006-07 Horizons Bible Study

All women at ELPC are invited to participate in this year's Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study—"In the Beginning: Perspectives on Genesis" by Celia Brewer Sinclair—based on 9 lessons, one each month. Choose to attend a time that fits your schedule best.



Lesson #2
Perspectives on Sin—
Adam and Eve
Genesis 3:1-24

October: Lesson #2

"Perspectives on Sin—Adam and Eve" (Genesis 3:1-24)

First Tuesday MORNING, 10 am to 12:30 pm

10 am. sharing, prayer time, opening devotions
10:30 am. . . .Bible Study
11:30 am. . . .Lunch, soup provided, bring bread, salad
or fruit to share

Fourth Tuesday EVENING, 5:45 to 7:30 pm

5:45 pm. . . .fellowship and a soup-and-bread meal
6:30 pm. . . .Bible Study

Heather Lawrence (Presbyterian Women Moderator) at 412-486-0826, Mary Alice Lightle at 412-682-1504 or Kay Shissler (for the evening study) at 412-681-2047.



Third Annual House of Worship Architectural Tour

This year's East End Cooperative Ministry House of Worship Architectural Tour on **Sunday, Oct 29** is featuring Ralph Adams Cram, architect of East Liberty Presbyterian Church, Holy Rosary Church and Calvary Episcopal Church. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Ticket price includes lunch, presentation, transportation, the tour and a reception following. For more information and tickets, call 412-361-5549.



EECM Fifth Annual Coat Drive

East End Cooperative Ministry's annual coat drive will be held in early October this year. Coats for persons of all ages and sizes are needed, but EECM is in particular need of men's coats sizes large, extra large and extra, extra large. Items should be dropped off in the front hallway of East Liberty Presbyterian Church by Thursday, Oct 5. Coats will be distributed in mid-October.

EECM is looking forward to another successful coat drive again this year to help spread the warmth.



ELPC Pipes of Glory Update

The Rev. Dr. J. Richard Szeremany

On the Road Again to Indianapolis—And, You're Invited!

ELPC Gets A "Private Showing" of Our Pipe Organ at the G&W Factory

In late January or early February 2007 when our organ is completed and set up in the factory, Goulding and Wood will host a public open house when musicians in and around the Indianapolis area are invited to come to see, to listen and to play the organ. I have discussed with G&W the possibility of having an ELPC "private showing" on the evening prior to the open house. And, they enthusiastically agreed.

Here's the plan: interested individuals from ELPC would travel together (either bus or car-pools) arriving at the factory in the late afternoon. G&W would host a buffet supper for us at the factory. Following the buffet, ELPC would have the factory to ourselves being able to ask questions, touch, feel, examine and walk through the instrument in total amazement at what you couldn't see up in our organ chambers.

Then Dr. Szeremany and Preston Showman, our organ curator, would each play mini-programs of popular and favorite organ music. When the evening comes to a close, the ELPC caravan would head to rooms at a lovely motel/hotel (reasonable rates for first class service.)

The next day (open house day) ELPC folks will return to the G & W factory to take part in the public open house.

If you think you might have an interest in such a unique and once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, let me know about it now and we'll make plans.



**Church building closed
and the Labyrinth
unavailable for walking**

Monday, Oct 9



ELPC People Thanks, Good News, In the Spotlight and Prayers

Thanks

The *Property Committee* wishes to thank all the volunteers and donors who planted the area around the Armstrong driveway on Highland Avenue. We hope this activity will continue. We also want to say thank you to ELPC staff member Bob Langley for trimming the hedges, keeping the grass moved and power washing the building. Thanks to all of you!

Becky and Joe Maiman would like to thank everyone for all of the support, prayers and best wishes during her premature birth of their daughter Evelyn Mary. Evelyn is doing great! She grows bigger and more active every day and looks forward to meeting her church family.

Good News

ELPC extends a warm welcome to the following new members and friends who were received by the Session: *Reaffirmation of Faith*—Carolyn Grace Elliott (on Aug 27). *Certificate of Transfer*—Charles C. Lukehart and Judith L. Robert (on Aug 27); Chenoa Moriah Stock (on Sept 10). *Profession of Faith*—Meagan A. Manas (on Aug 27).

In the Spotlight

ELPC member *Peggy Outon* was recognized as a Newsmaker in the Aug 8 edition of the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*. The article notes her election to the NonProfit Times' Power & Influence Top 50 List for 2006, which recognizes upper-level executives for their service to the non-profit sector and the people they help. Peggy was the first person from Pittsburgh to be named to the list. She was also honored at a gala at the National Press Club in Washington, DC in September.



Peggy Outon

Prayers

Our prayers and sympathies are with. . .Shelia Freeman-Powell and family on the death of her son, Kelly Lee Powell, on Aug 9. Kelly was also the father of Kiyona, who sings in our Joyful Noise Children's Choir.

Our prayers and sympathies are with. . .Kathy Cunningham and family on the death of her mother on Aug 18.



Covenant Network Conference, Nov 9–11

The annual conference of the Covenant Network will be held Nov 9–11, 2006 at Broad Street Presbyterian Church in Columbus, Ohio. Among the featured speakers will be Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, Rev. Sheila Gustafson, Rev. Deborah Block, and Rev. Margaret Towner. There will be a special focus on the recent anniversary of women's ordination in the Presbyterian Church, as well as ongoing workshops and discussion about current ordination standards. To register: www.covenantnetwork.org or call 415-351-2196.



EECM Food-of-the-Month Program

The East End Cooperative Ministry (EECM) Food Pantry, located in East Liberty Presbyterian Church, distributes food during the week to those persons and households living in poverty.

Two baskets are available for food dropped off—one inside the Highland Avenue entrance to the church and the second at the top of the stairs on the second floor.

**October's item:
Spaghetti Sauce.**

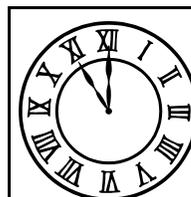


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October 2006

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

- 1Communion Sunday / Peacemaking Offering
- 1Art Exhibit Honoring Children, Art Gallery on the Ground Floor
- 1Youth Harvest Day at Camp Crestfield
- 2Personal Essay Writing Workshop for High School Students, 10 am
- 3Centering Prayer Open House, 7 pm
- 8Solidarity Sunday, 11 am worship
- 8Koinonia Fellowship and Potluck Supper, 6 pm
- 8Koinonia Service of Praise, 7 pm
- 9CHURCH BUILDING CLOSED
- 14SAVE WALK: Strides Against Violence in Schenley Park, 9 am
- 14Poverty Taskforce: "Just Neighbors" Educational and Interactive Workshop, 5:30 pm
- 21Full Inclusion Taskforce: "Journey of the Heart" Video and Potluck Dinner. 5:30 pm
- 22Dixieland Jazz with Dixieland Doc and the Dixieland All Stars at 11 am worship
- 28Oktoberfest, 5:30 pm
- 28,29Youth Confirmation Class Retreat
- 29Daylight Saving Time begins
- 29Reformation / Heritage Sunday, with bagpipers at 11 am worship
- 29ELPC Congregational Meeting, in the Sanctuary following 11 am worship
- 29EECM Houses of Worship Architectural Tour



**Don't forget to
turn your clocks
back one hour on
Saturday, Oct 28.**

Daylight Saving Time begins Oct 29.



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